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INTRODUCTION

The development of vacuum-tube oscillator and transmitter techniques is due in considerable degree to the work of Soviet scientists and engineers. Professor M. A. Bonch-Bruyevich played an outstanding role. He developed the most powerful tubes in his time (having powers of 30 kw in 1922 and 100 kw in 1925). He was the first in the world to introduce the principle of watercooling for tubes, developed and constructed the first powerful vacuum-tube transmitters, and devised a number of original radiotelephone circuits. He designed the first radio broadcasting station, imeni Komintern, with a power of 12 kw in 1922 and designed another with a power of 40 kw in 1927. Both of these stations were for their time the most powerful in the world.

Academician M. V. Shuleykin had much to do with the development of theoretical knowledge in the field of transmitting equipment. His practical and theoretical work, begun even before World War I, covered a variety of problems relating to oscillators, antennas, modulation, etc. In his pedagogical activity. Shuleykin and Professor I. G. Freyman (who wrote the outstanding text \underline{A} Course in Radio Engineering), demonstrated the thorough theoretical analysis needed as a basis for engineering calculations.

The difficulty in making calculations for the vacuum-tube oscillator was due to the complex form of the static characteristics of tubes. Shuleykin used linear idealized characteristics, and from these, Soviet scientists devised methods to calculate triode, and subsequently tetrode and pentode oscillators These scientists include: A. I. Berg, A. L. Mints, I. G. Klyatskin, B. P. Asevev, S. I. Yevtyanov, V. N. Sosunov, S. A. Drobov, etc. The method of calculating an oscillator was later perfected through the work of Academician A. I. Berg, who developed a strict method for calculating an oscillator applicable for any type of operating conditions. The method of calculating an oscillator given in this text is based upon Berg's method.

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Problems involved in the operation of self-excited oscillators, their frequency stability, etc., were solved largely through the works of Soviet scientists. They include Academicians L. I. Mandel'shtam and N. D. Papaleksi, who created the school of nonlinear radio engineering, A. I. Berg, D. A. Rozhanskiy, M. S. Neyman, B. K. Shembel', G. A. Zeytlenok, S. I. Yevtyanov, Yu. B. Kobzarev, V. N. Sosunov and others.

The change to independent excitation caused great difficulties, particularly in the construction of short-wave and ultrashort-wave transmitters because of tube capacitances which created close coupling between the plate and grid circuits in each stage; the problem of neutralization of this coupling had to be solved. Soviet radio specialists took a leading part in the study and development of neutralization circuits (G. A. Zeytlenok and others). Most short-wave and ultrashort-wave transmitters built both in the USSR and abroad used the grounded-grid circuit proposed in 1929 by Bonch-Bruyevich.

The rapid increase in the power of radio broadcasting stations up to hundreds of kilowatts was due to Soviet specialists. Particular credit for the development of powerful radio transmitters should be given to A. L. Mints, Corresponding Member of the Academy of Sciences USSR. Original methods of combining the powers of vacuum-tube transmitters, methods now used both in the USSR and abroad, were first developed in the construction of powerful Soviet broadcasting stations.

The construction of transmitters for shorter wave lengths, including the meter band, led to a number of engineering developments by Soviet Specialists A. M. Kugushev, I. S. Gonorovskiy, B. P. Terent'yev, A. I. Lebedev-Karmanov, Z. V. Topuria, B. I. Ivanov, and others.

The advancement of transmitting techniques into the field of superhigh frequencies made necessary the study of new very complex phenomena and the development of radically new electronic instruments, new types of circuits, and new systems for channelling and radiating high-frequency energy. Much credit for the solution of these problems belongs to the following Soviet scientists: Academician B. A. Vvedenskiy, G. A. Grinberg, A. A. Slutskin, M. S. Neyman, V. I. Kalinin, S. A. Zusmanovskiy, S. D. Gvordover, V. S. Lukoshkov, and others.

As far back as 1923, S. I. Zilitinkevich discovered high-frequency oscillations in a triode based upon the phenomenon of electron inertia. These oscillators, the so-called oscillators with a retarding grid, were not used in practice (and therefore they are not discussed in this book), but they promoted a more thorough study of inertia effects involved in the development of radically new electronic devices (klystrons and magnetrons) and special triode designs for get. Ition of very high frequencies.

Before World War II, it was still not decided which of these types of oscillators would be used most in the future, until D. Ye. Malyarov and F. N. Alekseyev proposed the design of the multislot magnetron, which is now the main source of powerful superhigh frequency oscillations.

In this text, principal attention has been given to transmitters designed for communications and radio broadcasting, using the usual triodes, tetrodes, and pentodes. The processes occurring in the generation of very high frequencies have been left to the last part of the text.

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